

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 15, 2007
(Approved February 5, 2007)

The Board of Supervisors held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, January 15, 2007. Present for the meeting were supervisors Robert F. Preston, W. Atlee Rinehart, Tim Roland and Rosemarie C. Miller. Also in attendance were Casey LaLonde, Township Manager and John A. Koury, Jr., Township Solicitor. John Doering, Jr. was absent.

Sprint Spectrum Conditional Use Hearing

The conditional use hearing for Sprint Spectrum began at 7:05 p.m. Hearing exhibits were presented and numbered.

Mr. Bradford Lare, counsel for Sprint Spectrum presented an opening statement. Mr. Lare noted that the conditional application has been before the East Coventry Township Planning Commission and a zoning hearing is scheduled for January 30, 2007. Mr. Roger Johnson, engineering representative for the applicant, was present to provide testimony. Mr. Johnson had revised plans with him and noted that the Planning Commission requested the tower be relocated and the compound configuration had also been changed on the revised plans. Mr. Johnson noted that the telecommunication sites are visited quarterly or every couple months and they are monitored remotely. Mr. Johnson was not familiar with the documents Mr. Lare was referring to so it was suggested Mr. Johnson take a moment to review the documents.

The Board of Supervisors recessed into executive session at the request of the Township Solicitor at 8:10 p.m. The hearing was recessed at 8:20 p.m. The hearing reconvened at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Lare noted that the applicant requested a continuance and the applicant agreed to pay for additional advertising and the transcription. Mr. Roland moved to accept the continuance of the Sprint Spectrum hearing. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Comprehensive Plan Amendment

The hearing for the amendment to the East Coventry Township Comprehensive Plan by adoption of the Northern Federation Resource Protection Plan commenced at 8:50 p.m. The Township Solicitor introduced the exhibits into the record including proof of publications and comments received regarding such amendment.

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve Resolution No. 2007-03 amending the East Coventry Township Comprehensive Plan by adopting, as an element in supplement to the Comprehensive Plan, the Regional Resource Protection Plan, dated September 2006 and prepared by the Northern Federation Regional Protection Plan Taskforce. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Phase II Sewer Funding

Mr. Gordon Walker was present. Mr. Walker presented the latest projections for the Phase II sewer project and noted that there may be an immediate impact on sewer use rates or an increase may be phased in. Mr. Walker noted he could have discussion with the banks after the January 16, 2007 meeting between East Coventry Township and North Coventry Municipal Authority. Mr. Preston noted that land acquisitions must be completed, discussion between East Coventry Township and North Coventry Municipal Authority are to take place and the tapping fee must be re-examined by the engineering and the Board.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the December 4, 2006 Monthly Meeting

Mr. Roland moved to ratify approval of the minutes of the December 4, 2006 monthly meeting as amended. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The vote carried with a 4-0-0 vote. Amendments being under subheading, PECO, in the first paragraph in the fourth paragraph change 'anther' to 'another', under subheading, Budget, add a sentence 'Mr. Leinbach, past Chairman, agreed with Mr. Doering and Mr. Preston that the budget does not approve wages'.

Minutes of the December 18, 2006 Workshop Meeting

Mr. Roland moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2006 workshop meeting as amended. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The vote carried with a 4-0-0 vote. Amendments being under subheading, Minutes of the December 11, 2006 Zoning Meeting, the first word of the motion shall be 'The', under the subheading, Discussion Items, a paragraph is to be added and shall read 'There was a brief discussion regarding confined space entry. Mr. Preston moved to maintain that township employees will not go into confined spaces and have the Township Manager write a letter stating such and have all employees sign the letter and have the letter placed in the personnel files. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote', under subheading, Additional Items Brought Before the Board, in the sixth paragraph add 'regarding construction of Phase II sewers' to the motion, at the end of the minutes add 'attachments: Lawrence Brown's letter'.

Minutes of the January 2, 2007 Organizational Meeting

Mr. Roland moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2007 organizational meeting as amended. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The vote carried with a 4-0-0 vote. Amendments being under subheading, Affirmation of the Board of Supervisors, note that the appointment of Mr. Doering to Vice Chairman carried with a 5-0-0 vote with no opposition, under subheading, Other Appointments, add to Township Solicitor and Township Engineer appointments that note that current fee and rate schedules have been submitted, add that Mrs. Miller was appointed as the representative for the Northern Federation, note that Mr. Ronald Elliott resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board, Set Fee Schedule and Mileage Reimbursement, in the third paragraph noted that the IRS mileage standard as 48.5 cents and the rate will be modified accordingly.

Minutes of the January 2, 2007 Monthly Meeting

Mr. Roland moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2007 monthly meeting as amended. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The vote carried with a 4-0-0 vote. Amendments being under subheading, Public Comments, in the third paragraph further describe the Wells Road project as the 'Philemeno and Salamone Linfield/Wells Road/Route 724 project', under subheading, Reports from Various Departments and Committees, in the first paragraph note that Mr. Preston noted there was a lack of information in the Code Official Report. the Code Official Report was approved with a 5-0-0 vote,; and in the second paragraph noted that Mr. Preston and Mrs. Miller voted no to approve the fund balance, budget summary, etc. reports due to lack of information and note that they requested justification of the \$124,203.22 in the fund balance report, at the end of the paragraph add 'The Township Manager is to consult with the Township Solicitor regarding final payment to the plumber and request that EDM submit a final bill', under subheading, Walnut Springs Farm, add after the subdivision name (Russell and Linwood Kolb), under subheading, Additional Items Brought Before the Board, third paragraph, in the second sentence change 'have' to 'do' and in the fourth sentence change 'suck' to 'pump'.

The Township Solicitor noted that mandatory sewer connection was addressed in an ordinance that was prepared in June of 2005 and Mr. Preston noted that such ordinance may have to be revisited.

The Board requested that minutes be e-mailed to the Board for review and comment.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Gail Brown of 500 Sanatoga Road provided the attachment to the December 21, 2006 minutes provided by Mr. Lawrence Brown and Mrs. Brown also submitted additional written comment and Mr. Rinehart noted that the additional information will need to be reviewed.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Road Projects

There was a discussion regarding the proposed 2007 road projects as presented by the Public Works Supervisor. Mr. Roland moved to request a proposal from the Township Engineer to provide a proposal to prepare a road maintenance 5-year plan. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote. It was noted that the Road Supervisor already does 5-year projecting.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Roland moved to approve payment of bills as presented. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Preston noted that wage payments were not listed in the payment of bills and requested that all wage payments be listed on all future bill lists. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote. The Board requested the profit and loss report be provided when bills are presented for payment.

6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Preston moved to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft an ordinance regarding delinquent real estate transfer taxes. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

There was a discussion regarding the 2007 fee schedule. Below changes were requested.

Copies 8½x11 from \$.20 to \$.10

Copies 11x17 from \$.40 to \$.20

Towpath Park – weekend rentals to be set at \$75

Towpath Park – weekday rentals to be set at \$50

Mr. Preston noted concerns of the 10% electrical review fees being too high. The Township Manager is to clarify this fee. It was requested that all consultant rate sheets be attached to the fee schedule. Approval of the fee schedule was tabled and other fees schedules are to be obtained and reviewed. Mr. Preston questioned the need of Township Engineer involvement in flood plain determinations. Code Enforcement is to handle flood plain determinations.

Mr. Preston moved to approve Resolution No. 2007-04 designating emergency service response districts. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mrs. Miller moved to approve the Board of Auditor's setting of Mr. Rinehart's salary rate at \$20.38 per hour. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart abstained due to conflict of interest. The motion carried with a 3-0-1 vote.

Mr. Preston noted concerns of discrepancies between the budget that was approved on December 22, 2006 and the one that has been posted. Mr. Preston will forward the appropriate information to the Township Manager.

Mrs. Miller resigned from the Secretary position. Mr. Rinehart asked Mr. Preston if he would like to take the Secretary position and Mr. Preston stated he would not accept the position for the same reason that Mrs. Miller resigned from the position. Mr. Preston stated he did not feel the minutes are being handled properly.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. and executive session was held to discuss litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

John Doering, Jr.
Township Secretary